

**REQUEST  
for  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

*Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provided for continued examination of a utility or plant application  
filed on or after June 8, 1995.*

*See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).*

Application Number	09/714,220
Filing Date	November 17, 2000
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Group Art Unit	1764
Examiner Name	H.T. Tran
Attorney Docket Number	2000-1578A
Confirmation No.	4252

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See *Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.*

**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

**a. [X] Previously submitted:**

- i. [X] Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on May 16, 2003
- ii. [ ] Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
- iii. [ ] Other\_

**b. [X] Enclosed:**

- i. [ ] Amendment/Reply
- ii. [ ] Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. [ ] Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. [X] Other Petition for Extension Of Time (1 month) \$110.00

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**2. Miscellaneous**

a. [ ] Suspension of action on the above-identified application is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required).

b. [ ] Other\_

**3. Fees (The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)**

- a. [ ] The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. .
  - i. [ ] RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
  - ii. [ ] Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and § 1.17)
  - iii. [ ] Other\_

b. [X] Check in the amount of \$860.00 enclosed

**THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE  
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